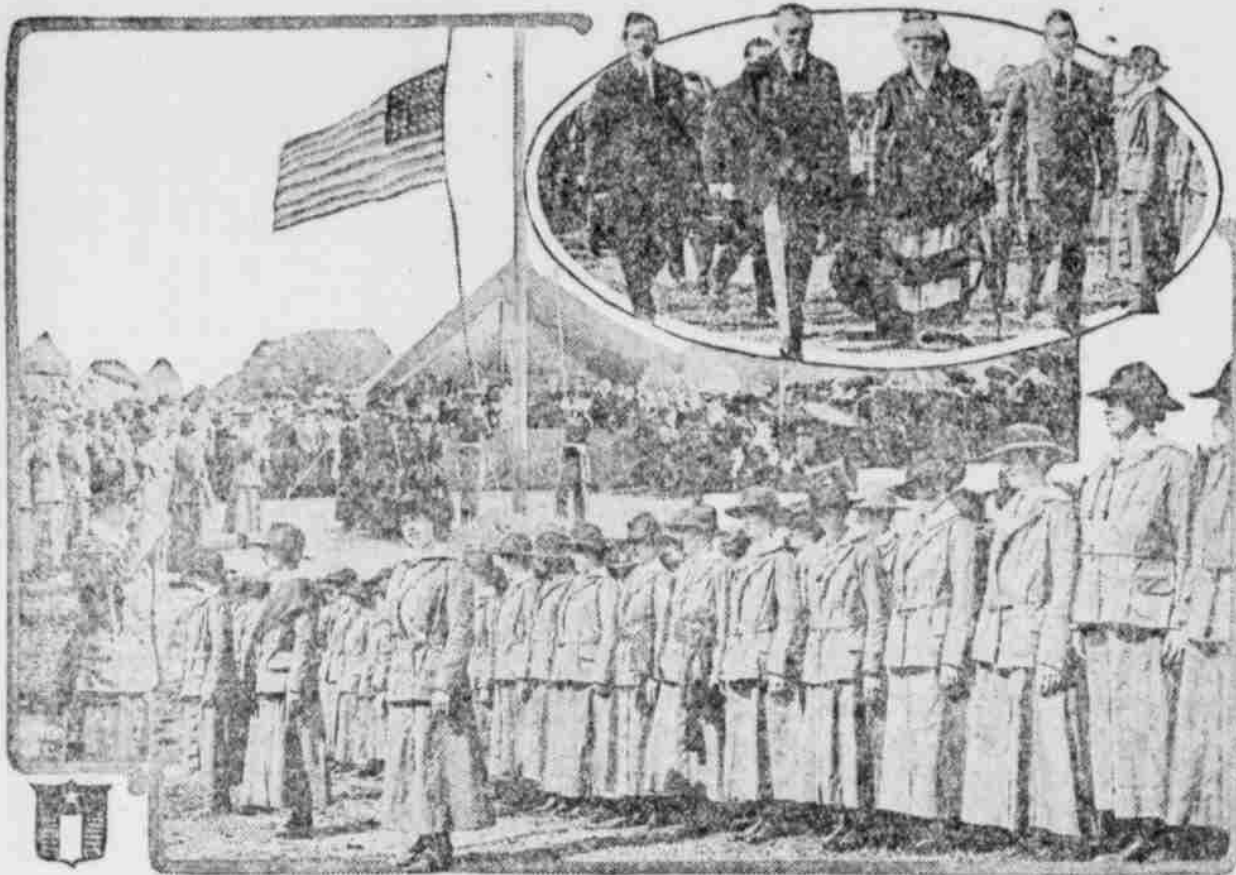


FIRST PREPAREDNESS CAMP FOR WOMEN OPEN



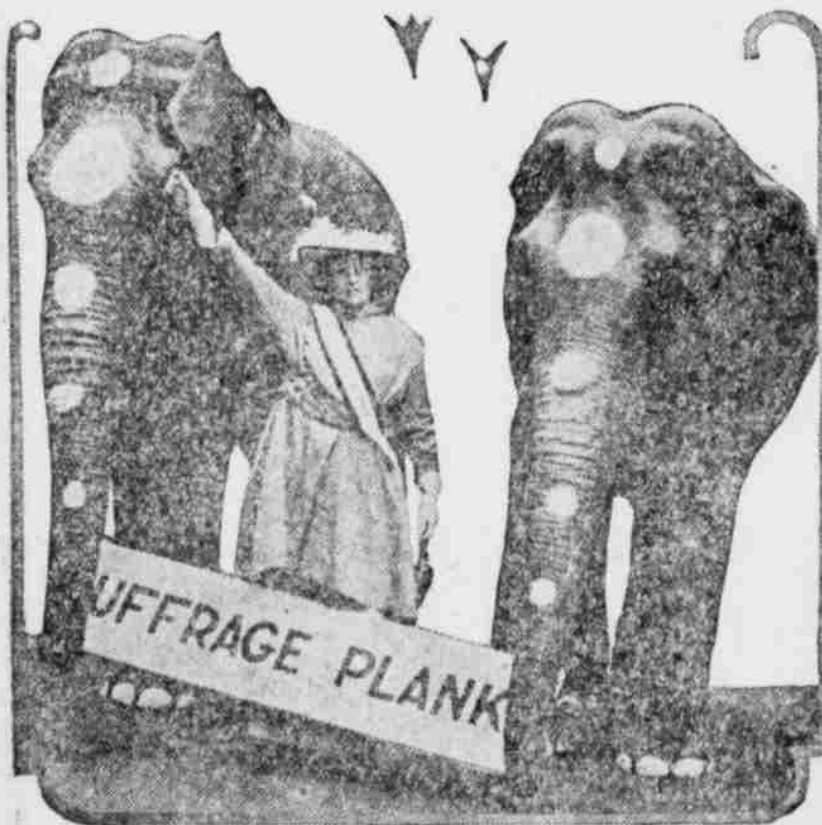
Scenes at the opening of the first preparedness camp for women at Chevy Chase, Md., near Washington, where a thousand society women are learning the essentials of war-time duty. In the center is shown the raising of the camp flag. Above is President Wilson marching to the ceremony. Below is a section of the khaki-clad campers.

AT THE END OF SIX DAYS' HIKE



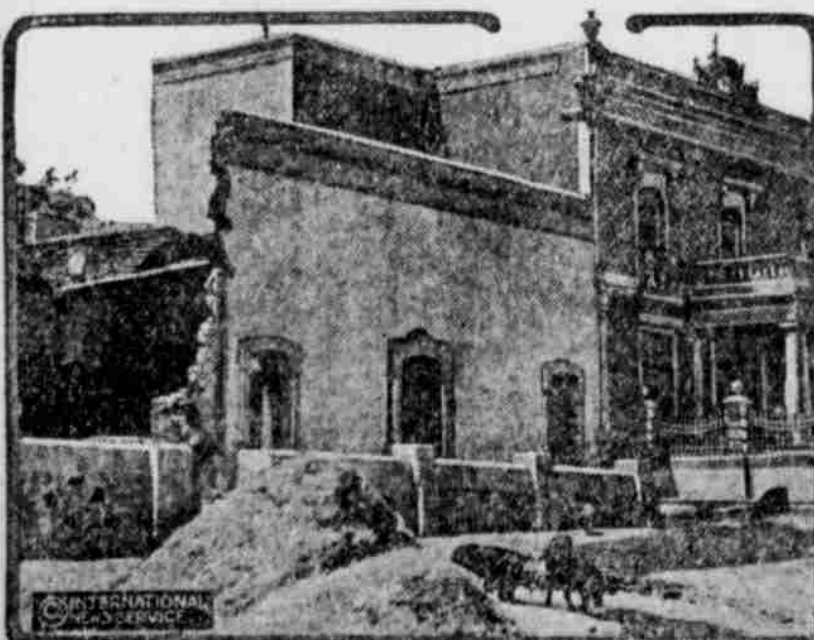
Companies D, E, F, G, and H arriving in camp "somewhere in Mexico" after a six days' hike across the desert.

LEADERS OF THE SUFFRAGE PARADE



When the National American Woman Suffrage association stages its big parade in Chicago on June 7, the opening day of the Republican convention, the marchers will be led by these two elephants carrying the "suffrage plank." The combination will symbolize the demand of the women for a suffrage plank in the Republican platform. The elephants will be driven by Miss Portia Willis of New York, who is here shown between them.

HOME BUILT FOR VILLA'S FAVORITE



This residence in Chihuahua was erected by Villa at great cost for his favorite wife, "Luz." After he evacuated the city it was looted and partly destroyed by a mob.

VICTIM OF AERO ACCIDENT



De Lloyd Thompson, the aviator who was seriously hurt in an aeroplane accident on Long Island. He is wearing the costume designed by Admiral Peary for aviators who fly in the higher altitudes.

RANGE FINDING IN MEXICO



Soldiers of the expeditionary force practicing with the rangefinder on the open mesa of the Mexican plain.

Needed Repairing.

Tommy, aged three, had fallen and hurt his knee, and as he sat rubbing the injured part he suddenly looked up and said: "Mamma, did God make me?" "Yes, dear," was the reply. "Well, then," continued the youthful philosopher, "if he had any pieces left, I wish he'd mend my knee."

AMERICAN WAGON TRAIN FINDS GOOD CAMPING PLACE



Wagon train of the American expedition in Mexico arriving on the outskirts of Las Cruces to camp for the night. They had just completed a 32-mile hike through the mountain passes of Mexico. The arid mesa of Mexico is not broken up with many watering places such as is depicted in the photograph, so much care is exercised in selecting stopping places for the night.

ST. PAUL SCHOOLBOYS ARE BIRD LOVERS



The boys of the sixth and seventh grades of the St. Paul, Minn., public schools with their birdhouses on their way to the bird exhibition held in the Auditorium, St. Paul. John Burroughs opened the exhibition by pressing an electric button at his home at Westpark, N. Y. Over 5,000 boys took part in this unique exhibition, and the hundreds of different designs of birdhouses excited the interest of thousands of visitors. The exhibition is in line with the movement to make St. Paul a city of birds and flowers.

SHE RECRUITS IN CANADA



Mrs. Clara Sanderson Laub, here photographed in her military costume, is the only woman recruiting officer in Canada. She has been at that work for several months in and about Ontario after spending more than a year in hospital work in France.

Precious Language.

Language is the amber in which a thousand precious thoughts have been safely embedded and preserved. It has arrested ten thousand lightning flashes of genius, which, unless thus fixed and arrested, might have been as quickly passing and perishing as the lightning. Words convey the mental treasures of one period to the generations that follow; and laden with this, their precious freight, they sail safely across gulfs of time in which empires have suffered shipwreck, and the languages of common life have sunk into oblivion.—Trench.

MEXICAN RAIDERS UNDER GUARD



These Mexicans were members of the party that raided Columbus, N. M., and were picked up in the mountains. They are guarded by American soldiers.

FIELD HOSPITAL AT CASAS GRANDES



Seventh field hospital corps at Casas Grandes, where all the injured and the sick of the expedition are being cared for.

HOME TOWN HELPS

PARKS MEAN MUCH TO CITY

Playgrounds a Most Important Part in the Welfare of Any Community.

Play and outdoor exercise are as necessary to the modern city dweller as is education, according to J. R. Richards, Chicago's superintendent of recreation.

The way in which people spend their lives after the day's journey is over—the way in which they play—offers them the best chance of contributing to the enhancement of one another's lives; that is the view of Herbert Croly in "Progressive Democracy."

Parks are often called the lungs of the cities. That seems to denote health giving. To call them the heart of the cities might give more idea of the moral value of the people's playgrounds.

That there is a moral issue in the use of public parks is the theme of Mr. Richards' paper on the American city. The leisure time period, he declares, is the part of our existence that makes or breaks us. The saloon, offering facilities for getting together, is one resort open to the idle hour, and he asserts that "the first visit is for companionship and not for booze."

Among the recommendations for the development of recreation opportunities for adults is that city authorities should co-operate with organizations already in existence and should have a survey made to put into use for outdoor sports all vacant areas. Croly, he believes, should be induced to take more interest in golf, tennis, cricket, boating, skating and other games and should be given plenty of room for sport. Public swimming pools also are urged to spread health and retain it.

Plan the "City Practical."

Something of the right spirit is in St. Louis, where Harlan Bartholomew has been engaged by the citizens' city planning committee. The river front and the street system will first engage his attention.

"The city beautiful idea does not appeal to the general public sufficiently to win financial support," he said shortly after arriving from Newark, N. J., where for three years he had been a city plan expert. "I am interested in the city practical, and I find that the public is inclined to favor it, as it comes to understand what can be done, and the benefits that will follow."

"The river front should be made a public convenience and a business asset, and the improvements to be made should be in the direction of aiding the interchange of freight between rail and water carriers."

"The street system of St. Louis, as of most American cities, is too largely rectangular. Radial highways are needed. Here the work of city replanning has to correct the mistakes of the past, which are often costly mistakes. The only place where it can do new work, and prevent further mistakes is in the planning of subdivisions and additions."

Use Is the Test.

Chicago's effort to promote outdoor recreation recently received tribute from Enos Mills of Colorado. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the movement for increased utilization of America's national parks.

"No city in the country has done so much for outdoor recreation as Chicago," he said. "You are using your parks."

So it would appear that Mr. Richards practices what he preaches in the magazines. The Chicago News, in accepting Mr. Mills' compliment, comments:

"Chicago does not by any means lead in park area, either absolutely or in proportion to population. But, as Mr. Mills remarks, this community makes excellent provision for the people's intensive utilization of the available park facilities. The playgrounds, the bathing beaches and swimming pools are designed to bring opportunities for healthful exercise and enjoyment within easy reach of as many of the people as possible, and a true reason for regret is the delay in the acquisition and conversion of the outlying wooded areas."

City to Build Homes.

The city of St. John, N. B., is preparing to enter the housing business for the benefit of the workmen of the city. The first step was taken at a recent meeting of the common council, when a bill giving the city the required power, was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the legislature.

The bill gives the city power to expropriate lands as they may be required and to erect houses suitable for the homes of working men. It provides for the issuing of bonds to cover the cost of purchase and erection and sets forth an easy-payment scheme under which the properties may be acquired by the citizens.

The plan suggested is a payment of 10 or 15 per cent of the ultimate cost when possession is taken and the balance to be paid in monthly installments, such payments to be arranged to include interest at 6 per cent on the balance outstanding.